

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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Line 22, delete "Hei" in both occurrences.

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Line 14, delete "Hei".

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claim 8 without prejudice or disclaimer of the recited subject matter.

Please amend Claims 1-7 as follows:

- Sub A
B.1
1. (Amended) A diffractive optical element, comprising:
a pair of diffraction gratings each of which has a saw-toothed sectional shape, said pair of diffraction gratings differing in dispersion from each other, said pair of diffraction gratings confronting each other through a space of a refractive index of 1,
wherein a maximum optical path length difference occurring in said pair of diffraction gratings with the space